

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 24, and ending on page 11, line 32 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to Fig. 1 there is illustrated a building closure operator in the form of a jack-shaft operator 2 including an emergency release device 4. The jack-shaft operator 2 has an electric motor 6 accommodated in a motor housing 7 and a gearing 9 accommodated in a transmission case 8. The motor housing 7 and the transmission case 8 form a single unit. The gearing 9 comprises a self-locking worm gear (not shown) and directs the rotational force of the electric motor 6 to a driven shaft 10. Connectable to the driven shaft 10 is a door shaft or drive tube ~~(not shown)~~ 10a geared to a door leaf ~~(likewise not shown)~~ 10b and functionally connected by connectors 10f to the door leaf 10b for vertical movement (indicated as line “D”) at least in part to rotate a door 10c in a door jamb 10d to open and/or close an area of a building 10e.